It's A Good Day

By Doc Alumbaugh, Arcadia, Calif.

Record: Windsor No. 7139 Instr., No. 7439 W/C

OPENER:

Well, it's a good day — for takin' a swing And it's a swell day — for making a ring Now it's a great day — to do a left Allemande And it's a fine day to right and left and left grand When you meet your sweet — just pass on by, pal And swing the next little gal.

(After passing partner in the right and left grand swing the next lady — RH lady)

Four ladies star across the ring and turn 'em left, go twice around 'er

Then swing your right hand lady, now you've found 'er

Four gents will star left—and you travel the set Star promenade her—when you meet with your pet Just take her back home—you balance and you bow

And it's a good day for swingin' her now FIGURE:

Head couples pass through — and you cross trail

Come back home, boys — box the gnat with your boss

Now DO-SA-DO her — and you bow as you come down

Go right and circle one time around

(Head couples do a cross trail through with the gents going right around the set back to home, ladies go left, working couples will meet back home for a box the gnat, do-sa-do and bow and traveling on to the RH couple to circle once around.)

Do a right and left through—then pass back through 'em

Cross trails and turn your corners left

(Couples facing do a right and left through, turning as usual, then a cross trail by all four couples, moving to original corner of the square turning corner twice around.)

Go twice around her don't you linger, to your gal and right swing 'er

Sashay round the corners of the ring

Well, pass your partner—swing the next pretty girl

And when you've swung her — promenade round the world

Yes, it's a good day — for movin' along And it's a grand day for swingin' 'til dawn SEQUENCE OF DANCE:

> Repeat figure for heads Repeat figure for sides Repeat figure for sides

PATTER VARIATIONS:

Yes, it's a great day — to walk down the street And it's a grand day for swingin' your sweet Sure, it's a swell day — to be happy and gay And it's a good day to swing and to sway

Teasing

Original Dance by M. R. "Pancho" Baird, Santa Fe. New Mexico

Record: Western Jubilee No. 587. Calls by "Pancho." No. 819 Instrumental

Bow to your partner Sashay your corner

Walk around left hand lady passing right shoulders back to back.

Go back and swing your partner 'round and 'round Allemande left your corner

Sashay 'round your partner

Walk around partner passing right shoulders.

Gents star right and turn it once around

Pass your partner, allemande left your corners one and all

Gents walk past corner and turn original corner for a left allemande.

Join your hands and circle to the left go 'round the hall Original partner is now on gent's right side.

Bow to your corner, promenade your partner That corner girl was only teasing you. The head two gents with your pretty little girl Go in to the middle and back to the world

Head couples move to the center and then return to

Go forward again and make a right hand star A left hand 'round your corner

This is a left hand turn 11/2 ground.

Side couples to the center

Star once around from where you are

Allemande left your corner and you pass right by your

Swing the right hand lady

Allemande left with same corner, then pass your partner by the right shoulder and swing the right hand girl for a new partner.

Promenade her right on home Her name is Kitty, she sure is pretty She's the gal that's teasing you.

Other names that rhyme can be used for this line.

Steel Guitar Rag—Variation

Linden Record: No. 150A Same Opener as original dance

VARIATION:

Head couples bow and give her a swing
Split your corner with an elbow swing
Now Do-sa-do your partners
Step out in the ring
Give that opposite girl out there a little swing
Face the sides and split those two
Separate like you always do
Meet at home with an elbow swing
Go 'round and 'round with the pretty little thing
Left to the corner and don't be slow
Go back home and do-sa-do
We'll dance tonight to the Old Steel Guitar Rag

South Texas News BY ACE WHITE KINGSVILLE, TEXAS

South Texas is preparing for two big dances in the near future. The first is the So. Tex. Ass'n. dance in Goliad, April 30, with Bill Blackburn of Victoria in charge of arrangements. Dances held at this location in the past have been highly successful as that vicinity has many avid dancers. The second dance is the annual Buccaneer Day's Festival on May 13, 14 and 15 in Corpus Christi. The dances will be held on the spacious, cool T-Head Friday & Saturday nights, May 13-14 with a host of leading out of town callers and entertainers participating as well as the top area callers. Jimmy Crabb and Dr. Roger Knapp are in charge of the dances. Lester Woytek and the Melody Cowhands of Houston will furnish the music.

Karnes City is having their annual barbecue and dance under the direction of popular Dick & Marie Ruckman on May 8. Held on Sunday afternoon and night this dance last year proved the surprise of the year for attendance as the hall was packed to the walls and no less is

expected this year.

Your scribe would like to call attention to the large number of really outstanding callers that has developed in this section. A. W. McDougal, Earl Thomas, Bill Blackburn, Dr. Roger Knapp, Jimmy Crabb, Tommy Thomas, Louie Bert, Bob Brooks, Dan Tucker, Garland Camo, Dick White, Harold Hoskins, C. O. Magee and Tom McCaron, all excellent callers and most of them have clubs at which they call entire dances which enhances their ability to continue to improve. With so many good callers the dancers can be assured of keeping up with all of the latest dances and mixers. So many out of state dancers have been heard to express their amazement at the excellent quality of so many callers from one section.

The Valley Ass'n. is preparing for their second dance of the year on May 14 in Sharyland. As previously reported this little town is currently the hottest square dance

in Texas.

On Saturday, May 28, C. O. Mc-Gee and Taw, Liz, will be hosts to all square dancers that can pack the T-Head in Corpus. C. O. is one

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of the most popular callers of the section and is the most recent addition to the square dance crowd of Corpus. They said that this dance is an "Appreciation Dance" to all of the dancers for their genuine hospitality for the time spent in Corpus. Tommy Thomas and band will furnish the music.

Corinna

Original Dance by M. R. "Pancho" Baird, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Record: Western Jubilee No. 587 — With calls by "Pancho;" No. 819 — Instrumental

Introduction:

Bow to your honey, get a way down low Join your hands and away we go Circle to the left in a pretty little ring Break that ring with a corner swing Get her on the right, hug her up tight Circle to the left with all your might Eight hands up and run to the middle And pat your foot to the tune of the fiddle With a one—two—three—four Swing the corner on the side of the floor Swing that lady go 'round and 'round Then put her on the right when you come down Swing your opposite across the hall Original partner.

You ain't swung her tonight at all Allemande left with your left hand Partner right go right and left grand Meet Corinna coming down the ring Take her along and everybody sing

Chorus:

Corinna ——, Where you been so long? Serenade Corinna, sing her a song Now swing Corinna, swing all night long.

Figure

Ladies to the center and back to Joe
Gents star right on a heel and toe
Iurn that star in the middle of the town
Back with the left when you come down
Meet Corinna and walk on by
Take Sally Goodin and you get her on the fly
Get 'ol Sally in a star promenade
With an arm around, don't be afraid
Gents swing out and all the way 'round
Ladies to the middle when you come down
Ladies star with a right hand high
Gents smile as you go by
Do-Pa-So and a little more do
A right to your corner and home you go

Turn this girl with a left, corner with a right, return to first girl with a left hand turn.

Turn your partner with a left hand around Ladies star in the middle of the town Same gent with a left hand swing Pick up the corner, promenade Corinna

Repeat Chorus.

Break.

Allemande left and the ladies star Four gents stay right where you are Allemande left in the same old way Gents star right and ladies stay Allemande left with your left hand Partner right for a right and left grand The above is a Triple Allemande

Meet Corinna comin' round the ring
Meet that lady and you give her a swing
Allemande left in the same ole style
Promenade go single file
Trail your lady 'till your feet get sore
With a boot-heel kicking up splinters on the floor
Gents step out and take a back track
Pass your own when you get back
All around your left hand lady
Right shoulder walk around.

See-Saw 'round your own little baby Left shoulder walk around.

Allemande left on the corner of the ring Promenade your own and eevrybody sing Repeat Chorus.

Smoke On The Water

By PANCHO BAIRD, Santa Fe, New Mexico Record: Western Jubilee No. 596-A w/c, No. 596-B Instr.

FIGURE NO. 1

Well now you allemande left your corner
And walk right by your own
Right hand swing old Sally Goodin
Swing a left hand there at home
Those ladies star right in the center
Till you meet your corner man
Then allemande left your corner
Partner right, a right and left grand
**Now there's smoke on the water, on the land, in the

A right hand to your partner
Turn around and go back three
You'll do a left, right, left hand swing
Go all the way around
A rfight hand to your partner
Iwirl her home and settle down.

FIGURE NO. 2

Four gents center, make a circle
Turn it once around
Home you go, sashay your partner
Gents star right when you come down
Turn that star out in the center
Till your corner comes around
Then allemande left your corner
Grand right eight around the town

REPEAT FROM * *

Head gents bow down to your partner Swing her round and round Pass right through, go down the center Separate go round the town Walk right by your corner Sashay your partners all Then allemande left with the corner Grand right eight around the hall Repeat from **



Pictured above is a scene from the Oklahoma Governor's office at the time Gov. Raymond Gary issued a proclamation regarding the National Square Dance Convention Week, From left to right: Howard Thornton, general chairman; Gov. Gary and Adolph Treichler, president, Oklahoma Federation.

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Ida

Arranged by Paul Phillips, Oklahoma City, Okla. (1955)
Tune: Ida Record: To be released by Western Jubilee
(Editor's note: Dedicated to Our Gal Friday, Ida White)
No. 1 INTRODUCTION

Ida. Joint the girls — make a four hand ring.

(Four girls circle left in center)
Ida, swing your man if you can
Ida, do sa do your corner
See saw 'round your man
Allemande left with your lily white hand
Partner right, a right and left grand
Now Ida, when you meet your man
Give him a smile
Swing a little while — my honey chile
Promenade around with that big boy
He wants to swing with you
Boys, sing Ida, 'Deed I Do.

No. 2 BODY

Head men take your girl Promenade outside the ring Go all the way

(All the way back home)
Side ladies chain across, then half sashay
Head couples go to the right
Circle four — break to a line

(Men break, leaving gals in the middle)
Forward up eight and back with you
Forward again and pass on thru
Join hands again, now men turn in
Pass thru across the set
Swing that gal that you meet
It's a treat
Promenade eight — don't be late
'Cause he wants to swing with you
Boys sing, Ida, 'Deed I Do.

No. 3 repeat No. 2 No. 4 repeat No. 1 No. 5 repeat No. 2 for sides No. 6 repeat No. 2 for sides (Four bar tag end) Boys sing, Ida, 'Deed I Do

Boys sing, Ida, 'Deed I Do Indeed I Do Ida, Ida, 'Deed I Do.

K-5 Special

By Kenny Oburn, California (1955) First and Third go forward and back Forward again cross trail thru Go around just two Four in line you stand Forward eight and eight back out Arch in the middle and the ends turn out Go around one and down the middle, box the gnat Right and left thru the other way back Turn the girls and separate Go around two to a line of four Forward eight and eight back out Arch in the middle and the ends turn out Go around one and down the middle, box the gnat Right and left thru the other way back Turn the girls that's what you do Two and four cross trail thru To a left allemande, etc.

"The Yellow Rose of Texas"

By Marcus Long Dallas, Texas (1955)

(As Called by Bob Wilson at the Dallas '54 Club)

OPENER:

Alamande left your corner, swing the one you call

Single file she leads you right down to San Antone Men back track to Dallas, box the gnat at your back door

Swing The Yellow Rose of Texas cause she's yours for evermore.

FIGURE

Head couples on the outside, promenade just half around

Right and left thru center, turn 'em once and a half around

The sides star in the center, turn corners allemande Right and left you travel up that lazy Rio Grande Pass Kansas City Kitty, there's old Sioux City Sue Box the grant, then box it back, she sparkles like the

Right and left pass Clemintine, also Rosalie Swing The Yellow Rose Of Texas she's the only girl for me.

Repeat for side couples Repeat opener.

Makes No Difference Now

Original by Andy Andrus, Port Arthur, Tex. (1955)

Music: "It Makes No Difference Now"

OPENER, TRIM:

Allemande left that corner gal, go back and swing your own.

Gents star right just once around that ring.
Your partner left a left hand swing, promenade that
gal back home.

And you swing her, 'cause it makes no difference now.

FIGURE:

*Head couples right hand star, take your partner through the sides.

Separate and swing the gal you meet.

Side couples right and left through, two head ladies' chain.

Gents star right just once around that ring.

Partner left a left hand swing, your corner sashay round.

Star promenade your gal around the town.

Girls roll back, promenade a new mate, you take her home somehow.

Don't you worry 'cause it makes no difference now.

'(Head couples go through the sides the same as in "Open Up Your Hearts And Let's Be Friends" only the gent will go left and the ladie go right opposite position).

CALL: Opener—Figure twice for heads—Trim—Figure twice for sides.

NEW INTEREST SHOWN IN SQUARE DANCING

Square dancing in the Dallas area has received a shot in the arm in Dallas, and the men most re-sponsible for it are Caller Jimmy McManus, who has been giving his services free to help teach new dancers; and Frank Dutton, major domo of the Cavalero Lodge, who has donated the hall. There's a large turnout for these classes.

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Jimmy and Frank.

Square dancing has lost another true leader with the passing of Mrs. Frances Lawrence on June 8. 1955. Mrs. Lawrence of Houston, Texas, was well known for her work with children and her Houston Honeys. Her activities with the

Houston Park Dept, as well as her many contributing influences in the square dance field will long be remembered.

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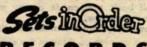


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Company Coming

By George Hill, Coalgate, Oklahoma

OPENER, BREAK, CLOSE:

Sashay round your corner girl sesaw round your

Allemande left your corner, grand old right and left the farm

Hand over hand go round the ring and when you meet your taw

Elbow hook that pretty little thing and elbow swing 'em all

Cause you've got-Company-coming

You've got-Company-coming

You've got-Company-coming up the road

You promenade about a mile, you'll be home in a little while

There's Company-coming down the road

FIGURE:

Chain those ladies across the set, your opposite allemande than

Gents you turn 'em all the way round and back up in a star

You back up round the mountain-side, then throw that clutch in low

And glory be go twice around then do a do-pas-o Well, it's a left to your partner—right to your corner Swing your new taw down the road

Promenade her right on round, Grandpa's got his fiddle down

There's Company-coming down the road Grandma star across the set your opposite

allemande than Gents you turn Matilda round and back up in a star You back up through the barnyard, then throw that

clutch in low And glory be go twice around then do a do-pas-o Well, it's a left to your partner—right to your corner

Swing your new taw down the road Land O'Goshen, promenade, we'll have ice-cream and lemonade

There's Company-coming down the road

ALTERNATE PATTER

You promenade ole Granny home, put them chicken dumplins on

Promenade her la-dee-dow, you'll be through any minute now

Promenade her down the line, hurry up folks it's eating time.

SEQUENCE OF DANCE:

Opener

Figure Break

Figure Close

Take A Break

FROM A PROMENADE:

One and three you wheel around Right and left thru with the couple you found Turn 'em boys and cross trail thru to a left allemande, etc.

Truck Stop

An Original by Johnny Schultz, Phoenix, Ariz. (1955) INTRODUCTION

First you bow and swing then you allemande left It's a grand right eight you go

(Grand right and left).

You're going to meet your partner with a right hand swing

And the gents star left you go

(Once around).

You turn your partner right and then your corner left (Right forearm turn with partner, then left forearm turn your corner)

Go back and swing your little queen

(Hip swing partner)

You promenade your honey, we ain't got much money

But we've got a million dreams.

FIRST PATTERN:

You allemande left and then you docey your own (Right shoulder do-sa-do)

And then you gents star right one time

You turn your partner left, life an allemande thar And the gents back down the line

Now you throw in the clutch and turn your partner left

(Break hands with your partner, gents retain the right hand star and everyone walks forward until you meet this same partner. Turn this partner with a left forearm)

And then you swing that corner Jill.

(Hip swing corner lady)

You promenade this honey, we ain't got much money So we'll meet at the truck stop grill. SECOND PATTERN:

1 and 3 to the right you circle four to a line

(1st and 3rd couples lead to the right and circle four once around then the lead gents break hands with the lady on his left, opening the circle to a line. Both lines should be facing each other with the lead gents on the end of the line closest to home position).

You girls star right one time (Once ground)

You turn your partner left like an allemande than And the girls back down the line

(This time the girls will be in the center in a right hand star with the girls backing up.)

Well, now, you throw in the clutch and turn your partner left

(Break hands with your partner, ladies retain their right hand star and everyone walks forward until you meet this same partner, turn this partner with a left forearm.)

And then you swing that corner Jill

(Hip swing corner lady) You promenade this honey, we ain't got much money But we've got a million thrills.

BREAK

Same as intro., except for the first line—use this line instead:

Repeat — Pattern No. 1
Repeat — Pattern No. 2 using 2nd and 4th couples to the right.

ENDING. Same as break.

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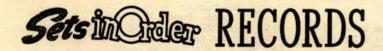
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